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1. The Yugoslav Army is making a continuous effort to improve its fortifications along the Yugoslav-Rumanian border. At present, additional mine fields are being laid and barbed wire barriers are being constructed.
2. Yugoslav military strength in the area of Vrsac has been greatly reduced during the last few months. Only a small detachment of infantry and cavalry remains in the area. A small number of soldiers are on duty in the tower of the Orthodox Church in Vrsac from which vantage point they observe that portion of the Rumanian border facing the town.
3. Meanwhile, members of the People's Front in Vrsac have been checking the basements of buildings in the area and listing all those which can be used as shelters in the event of an air raid.
4. All youths in Vrsac born either in 1935 or 1936 have been ordered to register and report for pre-military training. The individuals within this category were allowed until the end of October 1951 to register. Moreover, during the month of October and November 1951, most young women in Vrsac began taking courses in defense against air raids.
5. During October 1951, members of Militia Units assigned to duty on trains running within or across the Yugoslav-Rumanian border area were equipped with special cameras with which to photograph persons of interest travelling on these trains.

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